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The Challenges Affecting the Implementation of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) in Delta State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT The reduction of illiteracy to the barest minimum by 2015 by world nations and the achievement of item two of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) prompt the introduction of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) programme in Nigeria by the Obasanjo's led government in 2000. This paper was motivated by the need to investigate the challenges affecting the implementation of the UBE programme in Delta state. The paper examines the UBE and past educational policies in Nigeria aimed at reducing illiteracy and providing affordable and accessible education to all citizens. Attempt was made at identifying current problems of the UBE in Delta state, which include: poor funding; poor motivation of teachers; improper supervision and monitoring of the UBE programme; inadequate teaching and learning facilities. Possible working solutions were also provided aimed at overcoming the challenges of the programme in Delta state, Nigeria.